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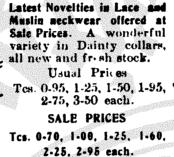
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Berlin to Baggiad.

Germany's Real War Alma.

At one time Belgium's coast line appeared to be the most serious question for Britain, an adverse solution of which would endanger the future. But as the war has progressed broader issues have appeared, of which Ger-many's aim at comblishing a linge land wedge under German control from the North Sea and the Baltic to the Indian Ocean seems to be the most ominous. Scores of large and small works dealing with the task had beden published in Germany during the war. One of the most recent is "Das grossers Mittel-aropa" ("Grader Central Europe"), by Professor Ernst Jackh. Its author has been one of the most proffic of German war writers and lecturers. Before the war he was well known as the author

as the founder and syndic of the deutscher Werkbund. Herr Jackh's book deals with what he calls the "real Central Enrope as established to day"—Germany, Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria, and Turkey—whose people are to be welded together

of "Der aufsteigende Halbmond," and

into a uniform organism. He writes : This was bound to come, by all the laws of geography, and it realised exactly what the German Emperor form ulated politically when he said to his generals on New Year's night, 1908-9, in reference Serbia's threat of war against Austria-Hungary : " Now Lingland's encircling policy wishes to close Germany's last and only landway to the outer world!" The late and only leadway leading to the world: this short, classical phrase crystallises the gethpelling force for a Central Borope. And it was the will to slove this quasion which led the young Kaiser to Constantinople in the first year of his reign, inspired by the desire to realise the geographic trinity—Germany, Austria-Hungary, Turkey.

It is noteworthy that during the same year in which the Kaiser visited Constantinople—a visit which laid the foundations of the Bagdad railway-Germany obtained possession of Heli-goland. These two (Heligoland and Bagdad), although so far apart, are united by a deep inward meaning. They are the pillars to support Germany's mighty arch Central Europe. A similar parallel belongs to the year 1899, when Admiral von Tirpitz's naval programme took up the task of secur ing our safety on the ocean side, and the Bagdad railway agreement con-tinued the work of establishing our land 16 essentially the supplement of the other. The meaning and aim of it all is that in case the enemy can close the North Sea and the world to our shipping then an ally must be able to open the Mediterranean and the Indian Ocean for the

Continent. The landway across Central Europe thus becomes a roundahout way to the overseas. That is the importance of "the last and only way"; we must tread it and secure it. It was not the fancy of a statesman which led us along it, but the iron compulsion of our geographical position. Yet, if necessity drives us to the south east it is no less true that the needs of Bukuris and Turkey impel them towards the northwest. What caused Turkey's paradise in the Near East to eink into rain and decay? The discovery of the sea route to India in 1498. But the Berlin-Bagdad railway will more than restere its ancient splendour.

Land Against Water. The root idea of the Central European land wedge is to oppose land to water; to neutralise British naval supremacy by land domination. Or, as another German writer puts it, to counter the London blue-water school by land communications. Herr Jackh concludes thus: Historic destiny proclaims from this

medley that the present war was inevitable, but it instate, too, on the stability of the Central European organ. ism when it is understood and developed organically. In other words, this organism is capable not only of life and resistance, but also of attack. This stretch of lan i is an organic continent which can produce everything necessary to the peoples inhabiting it. But it also possessess the strength and the functions of an arm which can kneck ominously on the door of Egypt. It must not be the arm of Europe's "sick man," but the entire strength of the

powerful ally must operate through it. The Age of Organisation. The German author has semething to say on the subject of organisation. He maintains that German organisation differs from all others in that it is organic, proceeding from within, ful-

filling the nature of things. We want a vital organism within the greater organism of Central Europe. And only the German mind can organise this new entity and at the same time organically develop it. Germany is the microcosm of Central Europethrough the essence and history of her particularism. She has solved the same problem within her own frontiers and has now become a microcosm destined to solve the problem for Central Europe.

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Belgian Capital Menaced

Paris, Dec. 20.—In Belgium deportadions are increasing. The requestions of labour are now being made in the large cities, and the Germans have at last extended their slavery to workingmen at Woluwe Saint Etleane, near

Several workmen from Flanders who were deported in the beginning of Nov. costensibly for agricultural work in oc-cupied French territory, have been taken back to Ghent, wounded by French shrapnel. They my they have returned from the Sousons region where they were forced by blows of rifle butts and sticks to work in the trenches.

At Charleroi the coal mines, in which work is going on for three or four days a week, have been notified that 10,000 miners are about to be requisitioned and are to be sent to the Westphalian mines.

Requisitions of workmen are being made in the environs of Namur and at Virton and Maibehan, in the province of Luxemburg. The Germans continue to take mechanics by preference, workers in iron, wood and stone, whether they are without work or

. We Will Not Sign ! "

The deportations give rise to heart rending scenes; but the population remains firm. Every day trains filled with those departed pass through the Brussels suburse, which echo with national songs and cries of "We will not sign!" Numerous workmen succoed in escaping from the trains during their passage in Belgium and attempt to reach the frontier.

Hacards posted in the Communes of Gemmenich Monzen and elsewhere, forbid the inhabitants to shelter Belgian civilians between the ages of fifteen and fifty. All civilians between these ages must be denounced to the German police. Any disobedience to the orders is liable to a death sentence. Four engine drivers and stokers of the Belgian State Railway who refused to work for the Germans have been condemned to imprisonment for two

years and a half. The deported are chosen in an absolutely arbitrary manner. That the men are not taken because they can find no and small investors.

work is proved by the fact that in certain metal working establishments at Moresle, Chateau, and Paturages, the employers hatterbeen Toliged to furnish 25 per cent. of their workmen. And some of the trade of industrial establishments say that the Germans have deliberately taken the managers and feremen away in order to stop the work from phostesing.

The Empire's Resources.

London, Jan. 29.—Sir Starr'Juneson and Mr. Wilson-Fox, interviewed by Reuter on the subject of Empire resources development, stated that it would the promature and ungracious to discuss the terms on which the Dominions might participate. Where there was goodwill there was always a way. The scheme might provide financial opportunities for the earliest development of the Dominions' resources, thereby increasing their revenues and populations and political strength, whereas without an Empire with partnership many potentialnies were likely to remain undeveloped indefinitely. The central idea is the development of the State for the State by the State, because, the existing methods of taxation would not reduce the Empire's poet war financial burdens, hence the necessity for some such great co-operative effort thereunent.

Investment Possibilities.

At present the Committee is avoiding antagonising vested interests, and it is believed feasible that existing individual enterprises where they are involved could participate as ec partners with the State upon an increased profits basis. Experts have already investigated land development, fisheries and palm oil and have prepared an excellent prima facie case favouring the State development of these industries. Sir Starr Jamsen was aghast to think how all past Imperial Governments had neglected to assist in the development of the Empire's vast wealth. The scheme, moreover, might provide an excellent continuous investment for all classes similar to the present war loan, with facilities for large

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(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Feb. 4. Washington, -President Wilson has announced to the Congress that the German Note has violated previous engagements and that the Government of the United States has decided to break off diplomatic relations with Germany, to recall Mr. Gerard and to hand over to Count Bernstorff his passports. President Wilson added that he still hopes that Germany will not carry out her threats, otherwise he would demand that Congress take all the necessary means in order to protect the naon. He concluded by inviting th neutrals to act in a like manner.

The German vessels interned at Philadelphia and Panama have been seized and the crews interned.

The Press assert that diplomatic relations between Austria and America have also been broken off.

> (REUTER'S TELEGRAM.) London, Feb. 5.

America has severed diplomatic relations with Germany. New York.—The whole country is aflame with anger at the German Note

even surpassing the Lucitania disaster. Washington.-Count Bernstorff has been handed his passports and Mr. Gerard, Ambassador in Berlin, has been

Philadelphia.-The torpedo boat Jacob Jeses whilst towing in the docks began to sink. The crew closed the seacocks and saved the vessel. A member of the crew has been arrested for sabot-

recalled.

Paris .- The United States have broken off diplomatic relations with Austria-Hungary.

Situation in Holland.

("S. O." SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

Singapore, Feb. 6. The Dutch Press says the time has come when Holland most seriously nek where her inte**rests lie s**afest.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

TO-DAY's telegrams appear on page 8.

A. R. C. c/o this paper wants to purchase Bukit Tengah shares.

THE Siam Turf Club will have a book-maker at their next meeting, our old friend Mr. Pestonji paying Tes. 3,000 for the right.

MR. J. R. C. Lyons of the Ministry of Justice leaves to-morrow for Rajaburi to sit in a murder case there, the accused having been extradited. He will leave again for Koh Lak to sit in the case of the murder of some cattle dealing Indians which is fixed for the 12th instant.

NEW Ads .- Ladies' and gents' watches of various descriptions sold at the 8. A. B. The Bangkok Auctioneering Society (T. S. Apcar) notify that they hold sales every Saturday and guarantee to secure best prices. Every film shown at the Phathanakorn on the 7th, 8th and 9th inst. will be new to Siam.

Emigrants to Siam.

Intimation having been received at Delhi that there is little prospect of employment for natives of India in Siam, the Governor-General in Council requests all local governments and administrations to make the above intimation as widely known as possible, particularly in places from which emigration to Siam is believed to be most common. Intending emigrants should also be warned at the ports of emlerkation of the lack of employment at present prevailing in Siam .- "Straits

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Abstract of Foreign Trade.

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Holland Anxious.

German Concentration on Frontier

Ameterdam, Jan. 30.—Some anxiety is felt owing to the reported continued German concentrations on the Dutch frontier north east of the province of Overyissel, where forty thousand troops have newly arrived in two border towns and also much artillery. It is even stated that German farmers there have been ordered to evacuate their homes and go further from the fron-

Education Schemes

London, Jan. 30.—Professor Fisher, the Minister for Education, in a speech in London pleading for greater co-operation between the Universities, mentioned that Oxford was devising courses of advanced study open to overseas, American and Allied students. The Board of Education would be glad to co-operate if the Universities combined in a common scheme on the above lines, and also in a scheme for the interchange of teachers between the Universities of Britain, the Dominions and

Home Defenders.

London, Jan, 30.—The King has appealed to the Lords Lieutenant to help in organising the Volun'eer force which he is confident all who are unable to go on active service abroad will join. He says that the Territorials proved themselves equal to the Regulars and superior to the best troops of the enemy, and he pays a tribute to the prompt and patriotic manner in which Lord Kitchener's call for garrison troops for India was answered.

Electoral Reform.

London, Jan. 31.—The Report of the Speaker's Conference on Electoral Reform presents resolutions favouring manhood suffrage for all who are tel pound annual occupiers; a qualifying period of six months; the revision of the register every half year; the maintenance of the representation of the Universities; the preservation of qualification where only a limited change of residence is made: the single vote, with one additional vote for business premises or University in a different constituency; and the adoption of a population unit of 70,000 per member, but separate representation for all constituencies of over 50,000 population.

The Report recommends group representation of Universities, except
Oxford and Cambridge, and proportional representation for subdivided constituencies entitled to return between three and five members, with polling on the same day.

A majority of the Conference favoured a limited female suffrage, and suggests that women on the Local Government register, the proposed age being thirty to thirty five, should be cligible.

The Laurentic.

Terrible Toll of Mine Explosion,

London, Jan. 31.—The Laurentic was mined 14 hours after sailing on Thursday. She sank in three quarters of an hour. The weather was fine but very cold. The crew number 475, of whom about 125 were saved. Many were killed by the explosion.

It is understood that an attempt was made to beach the vessel. The boats were got ready and rockets were fired, as the wireless was destroyed. The explosion of these was seen from a light house, and soon mine sweepers were hurrying to the scene. The crew were most orderly throughout.

Mines Sweepers to the Rescue. A minute before the foundering of the ship in twenty-three fathoms the lifeboats were manned, and all the survivors of the explosion were provided with flares, but the minesweepers had twenty miles to cover, and many of the flares burned out before they arrived. The search was a very difficult one, the men being for seven hours in the perishing cold in one hoat before being rescued.

The first intimation of the disaster was a telephone message to a certain Mayor from the captain, informing him that ninety survivors were in camp, and appealing for warm clothing. The Mayor summoned the Corporation, requisitioned motors, collected clothing and other necessaries, and hastened to the camp.

"What's the Use of Worrying?" Describing his experiences afterwards, the Mayor said that he was amazed at the unconquerable spirit of the navy, illustrated by a lad of seventeen going to a piano in the recreation room and playing "Pack up your tron- directly, or outbuild it in our yards, or bles in your old kitbag and smile, smile. I outstay it by reducing imports and insmile," his comrades joining in the chorus. undepressed by their terrible

The arrival of laden motors was cheered. The men paraded, and they and the Councillors sang the National Anthem.

The soldiers of the camp refused cigarettes, saying. "This is Jack's day." Subsequently other survivors arrived, having landed at remote points. Numerous bodies have been recovered.

Explosion Kills 263 Men. Belfast, Jan. 31.—The Laurentic was mined on Friday morning off the north preciation and satisfaction that everycoast of Ireland. She was manned by thing conceivable had been done to 475 naval ratings, but carried no pass

About 263 men perished in the explosion, which was terrific, tearing a huge hole in the ship's side. Many of the stokers were killed outright. The injured were placed in boats, as the ship was sinking, and she went down in a time variously estimated as from five minutes to three quarters of an

The sea was dotted with men struggling for life. Many were taken into already crowded boats, half swamped by the seas. The men, half-clad, were in the bitterest cold for hours before they were rescued by smacks. Already a hundred frozen bodies have been

The Formidable Moewe.

Copenhagen, Jan. 30.—Twenty-six Swedish, Norwegian and American seamen belonging to the crew of the Yarrowdale have arrived after a month's internment at Neustrelitz. They describe the new raider as of twelve-thousand tons, so excellently disguised that it is impossible to discover anything extraordinary till the ports are opened disclosing the guns. She often carries sails for hiding the deck. She is armed with four large and two smaller guns and four torpedo tubes, and is munitioned and provisioned sufficiently to keep the sea until April. The ship is quite new and bears the name Moewe. She frequently feigns distress. The Yarrowdale was brought to Germany around the Faroes, along the Norwegian coast to the Skaw and thence by the Kategat and the Sound to Swine-

War News From Dutch Sources,

The "Tijd" learns from a Berlin source that a submarine campaign on a large scale directed against England and offensive movements against Italy

and Belfort may shortly be expected.

The "Zeta" is a Dutch vessel of 3,053 tons owned by the Vrachtvaal Mastechapij Bothnia of Amsterdam. She was built in 1913].

The Ymuiden fisheries have reopen-

The s.s. Ijeseldijk with a cargo of copper for the Dutch Munition Factory at Hemberg has been liberated.

The Datch steam trawler Eems brought in 20 wounded Germans, many with legs and arms missing and the news that the British torpedo boat destroyers which attacked 12 German ones during the night between Ymuiden and Schevenengen numbered 10. 24 were killed and a German destroyer sunk in this action. The other German destroyers took to flight. The Billiton was the vessel which took the V69 to Ymuiden. The commander and two officers were

Another telegram reporting the action which took place with the 6th division of the High Sea Fleet adds that the German ships left Heligoland to make a raid.

An Exploit of E14.

London, Jan. 29.-The Prize Court has reserved judgment in the claim of Commander Boyle, V. C. of E14, for prize money for sinking in the Sea of Marmora a Turkish gunboat and transport with six thousand troops who were all drowned.

The Judge pointed out that if the troops were included in the reckoning the prize-money would be increased from £2,000 to £31,000.

Important Assembly in Petrograd.

Petrograd, Jan 29.-Lord Milner has arrived to attend the important Allies' Conference.

Petrograd, Jan. 29.—Besides Lord Milner the British representatives at the Conference include Lord Revelstoke, General Sir Henry Wilson, General Hanbury Williams, Director of Munitions, and the military attache at Bucharest. France is represented by Mr. Doumergue, Colonial Minister, and General Castelnau; Italy by the member of the Cabinet Sr Scialoja and General Laderchi.

The Tsar's representative welcomed the members of the Conference at the frontier. The British, French and Italian Ambassadors also attend the Conference.

U-Boat Menace.

London, Jan. 28.—In the Observer. an apparently inspired article states that the Germans hope to snatch an eleventh hour triumph by cutting Britain's sea-communications. "If we emash their new submarine campaign creasing home supplies, or achieve a final decisive success by all these means together, we shall destroy the last German hope and ensure victory for the Allies. We can and will do it, but only by the maximum national effort during the next six months."

London, Jan. 27. - A deputation of the Navy League waited on and appealed to Sir Edward Carson for vigorous measures against submarines. Sir Edward Carson and Admiral Jellicoe described the measures taken, and the deputation expressed their varm ap-

Why Constantine Agreed.

Paris, Jan. 30.—The Greek Foreign Minister announces that the judical authorities have been ordered to dissolve the Reservist Leagues, the members of which have already been disarmed.

Athens, Jan. 30.—The Allies' fliga were cermoniously saluted on Monday afternoon at the Zappeion, in conformity with the ultimatum, in the presence of the Allied Ministers, the Cabinet and the commander of the First Army

Corps. There were ny incidents.

London, Jan. 30.—The "Daily Chronicle" has an Athens wire stating that the movement of the bulk of the army to the Peloponnesus may be considered as completed. Popular feeling in the provinces has veered

round in favour of the Entente. Discontent and the scarcity of bread led to a riot at Patras. The demonstrators paraded the streets shouting 'Down with the Athens tyrants." They raided two cafés and smashed portraits

of the King. The temper of the Athenians is subdued in consequence of the blockade and the abandonment of the hope of German help. It can be stated as a fact that the Kaiser directly advised King Constantine to accept the ultimatum, as it was impossible for Germany to send a force to help Greece.

Greece Makes Amends.

London, Jan. 30. - Official. A telegram from Athens says that Prince Andrew of Greece himself led the cavalry in the march past at the ceremony of saluting the Allied flags, which was carried out in a most satisfactory manner. The public was not admitted but the behaviour of the crowd in the neighbouring streets was excellent. All the other demands of the Allies are being met most satisfactorily. The relations of the Allies and the Greek Government may be regarded as indicating a return to normal conditions.

The Ceremonial Salute. Athens, Jan. 30.—Some of the regimente in garrison were present in full strength, the remainder being represented by detachment, at the saluting of the Allied flage. The infantry carried fixed bayonets, and the mounted troops drawn swords. The Greek regimental colours were placed in the

Directly the Allied Ministors, naval officers and detachments bad taken up their places the General commanding the parade sainted, the soldiers presented arms, the Greek flags were lowered, the bugles sounded the general salute, and massed military bands played successively the four Allied National Authems. Simultaneously a Greek battery fired a twenty-one gun salute, which an Allied warship lying in the roads returned. The troops then marched by in column, saluting the Allied flags.

The Allied Ministers returned aboard warship.

Items of Interest.

The Aatina and Jotunfjell, previously reported sunk, have arrived in port.

London, Jan. 29.—The military forwarding of parcels to France has been suspended for a week.

Washington, J n. 23.- The War Department announces the withdrawal of the American force from Mexico.

The Royal Commission on wheat

supplies has taken over control of the importation of rice and will fix the prices of sale. Sinkings: The steamers Eabascom

(British), Myrdal, Sienniva, Dicax (Norwegian,) and O. B. Suhr (Danish.) Mr. Hayes Fisher, speaking at Eding, estimated that the War Loan, to be succes ful, must reach three thousand

Arctic weather prevails on the continent, and ice festivals are being held in Holland. Ice is hampering navigation in the Baltic.

London, Jan. 30.—The food Controller (Mr. Joseph Maclay) states that Mr. Anderson's statement cabled on the 29th was unauthorised and incorrect.

London, Jan. 30.—The King has telegraphed to Mr. Walter Long: "I am deeply grieved at the death of your son, a young and promising General."

Telegrams from Scandinavia indicate that Britain is taking new maritime measures in the North Sea, including a new minefield off the west coast of Jutland

The "Daily Mail" says that the Home Secretary, Sic O. Cave, has decided to denaturalise undesirable naturalised aliens, except subjects of

London, Jan. 31.—The list of certified occupations under the Military Service Act is revised by the general raising of the age and a further raising is foreshadowed.

Madrid, Jan. 31. - Official: The two bars of lead found on the railway at Granada are connected with a robbery. There is no question of an attempt on King Alfonso's life.

London, Jan. 29 .- The Labour M. F. Mr. Anderson, speaking at Leicester, forecasted the rationing of Britain shortly. Mr. Anderson is a member of the Government Committee enquiring into food prices.

Petrograd, Jan. 30.-The War conference commences to morrow under the Presidency of the Russian Foreign Minister. The Tear receives the members on Thursday. The Russian representatives include the Ministers of Finance and Communications.

London, Jan. 30.—Mr. Arthur Henderson, speaking at Norwich, repudiated the view that the war would end in a draw. Such an assumption, he said, was most unwarrantable. Those acquainted with the military situation were never so confident as now.

Mr. Owen Philipps, speaking at Crewe, stated that he was in nowise disposed to be panicky or despondent about the submarine menace The total gross tonnage under the British flag in July last was 20,463,000, compared with 20,523,000 in July, 1914. It would take a very long time at this rate to destroy the British mercantile marine, as the Germans hoped.

The "Times" correspondent says that Russia is experiencing a famine in the midst of plenty. Throughout the country food queues wait for hours in twenty degrees of frost. All necessaries are from two to ten times peace prices. The chief cause is the want of coordination and organisation in supply, and the diclocation of the railways, as there is probably sufficient food in the country to feed the population for two years.

The Riga Conflict,

London, Jan. 28.-Wireless. Russian Official. We repulsed two attacks westward of Riga. The Germans fled in disorder.

We attacked on both sides of the Kimpolung Yakoben road and after a stubborn fight broke through a fortified position on a front of three versts. London, Jan. 28.—Wireless. Austrian Official. West of Oliputnow supe-

rior enemy forces penetrated our first line. We withdrew to the next height to the rear. London, Jan. 23.-Wireless. Ger-

man Official. Russian attacks broke down with heavy losses on both banks of the Aa. Russian pressure compelied us to move nearer the east bank of the Golden Bysiritza.

Jasev, Jan. 28.-Intense cold and snowfall are hampering operations. The situation is generally sati-factory and is practically unchanged. The enemy is apparently directing his efforts in the region of Nanesti and the confinence of the Putna and Sereth rivers, where he is encountering the fiercest resistance.

It is officially announced that fourteen Rumanian generals have been re-tired and replaced by junior officers.

Shipbuilding Prospects.

London, Jan. 25 .-- In connection with the building of standardised cargo steamers not exceeding ten thousand tons now progressing at Chepstow, shipping circles urge the adoption of a policy of building a ton for each ton destroyed. They assert the possibility of building two milli n tons a year if urgently necessary on condition that no great liners are built. It is noteworthy that a six thousand ton ship was recently completed in 3 months.

Greek Situation.

Paris, Jan. 28 .- After a secret debate n the Chamber on interpellations on the situation in Greece, the put lic ression voted confidence in the Government by 313 votes to 35.

The Piracus, Jan 29.—The Greek garrison at Corfu has been ordered to proceed to Patras. Only two hundred men remain, commanded by an officer loyal to the Entente.

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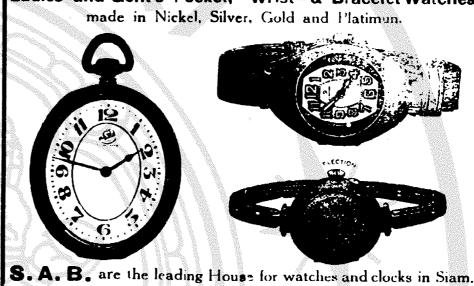
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India's Advance.

A Times Commentary.

London, Jan. 26.—The Times, commenting on the Report of the Royal Commission on the public services of India, says: The Commission has obviously done its work with quite exceptional care and thoroughness. In fact, every member save one signed the Report, which testifies to Lord Islington's discreet moderation and influence. It will not be surprising if the Report at the outset fails to please anybody con-cerned but reflection and detailed examination will undoubtedly modify the first impression on both sides. If the Report is destined, as we believe, to bring greater contentment and wider experience without endangering the main structure of Indian administration, then we are willing to welcome it as a prudent messure of reform.

Some Delicate Problems.

The report is marked by knowledge, judgment and restraint, and steers a middle course between the extreme aspirations of Indians for a larger share in the executive administration and the desire of British civil servants, supported by a preponderating public sentiment in Great Britain, that the power and authority vested in them should not be dangerously curtailed. The rejection of the proposal for simultaneous examinations in India and England will cause heart burning, but it is entirely sound.

The Times fears that the reservation of forty district and sessions judicial posts for members of the Indian bar may still farther distuctine British civil servants from electing to go to an already weak judicial side, and considers the recommendation of a lower age limit for competitive examination to be a most desirable return to the custom of the greater part of last century.

tury.

The Times expresses the opinion that the privilege of receiving an extra pension of two hundred pounds sterling yearly should be accorded to service members of the Viceroy's Executive Council. The present system of sending a man to the Council first, and to govern a Province afterwards, is wrong, and ought to be reversed. It is one which causes weakness in the Government of India.

The Times approves the proposal to form separate branches, with an Education Department for administrative collegiate work, but disapproves of the suggestion that Indians should be trained for forest service at Dehradun, on the ground that it will be long before Dehradun can furnish equivalent European training in scientific foresty; considers that the section

dealing with private practice on the civil side of indian infedical Service is not convincing; and suggest that European private practitioners should be encouraged to aettle in the larger European communities, and not be obstructed as at present.

India's intellectual Distinction.

The Times approves of the scheme aiming at eventually recruiting certain scientific and technical services almost exclusively in India, and says that when some of the acuter intellects of India turn from politics and philosophy to science they may actonish the western world.

It concludes with a warning that the recommendation should not be judged in the expectation that it will make immediately for the more efficient Government of India. The Briton, owing to his up-bringing, is inevitably a better administrator than the Indian, but one of our cardinal principles in the great trusteeship of the British Empire has always been to recognise and develop public opinion and the sense of responsibility in those races which are capable of such development. In the case of India, more than any other Dependency, it is often the truest wisdom to pursue this papers by practical experiment, even at a certain sacrifice of immediate efficiency.— Reuter.

Spain and the Submarines.

The greatest reserve is maintained in official circles regarding the grave situation at the Canary Islands, though the disgust caused by the attitude of the Germans is illconcealed. The Spanish Government had obtained Germany's promise not to jeo; ardize Spain's neutrality by allowing submarines to enter the letter country's ports.

the latter country's ports.

The Allied nations have called the Spanish Governments attention to the activities of German submarines at the Canaries, though in the most friendly terms, and recognizing that Spain has maintained perfectly loyal neutrality. The Government has replied that no effort will be spared to put a stop to those unlawful acts, if they are officially confirmed.

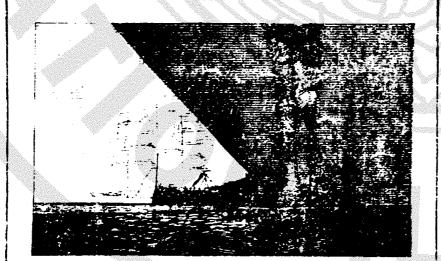
The news of the torpedoing of the Spanish steamer Gerona, coming after that of the Julian Benito, has increased public indignation against Germany. The Government earnestly asks the public to be calm.

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Advance On Kut.

In a message, dated Tuesday, the 9th January, "Eye-witness" stated:--"Our advance has given us the Kut east mound and part of the east side of the Mahomed Hassan loop, extending by six hundred yards the line we hold between the two Turkish positions on the right bank of the Tigris. We also took one thousand yards of their front line trench which connects the two ends of the loop." The infantry attacks which carried the Turkish positions were preceded by heavy bombardments and our casualties were consequently 'few. Besides occapying the Turkish , positions our troops took a few hundred Turkish prisoners. The message of "Eye-witness" of the 9th instant has been supplemented by short Reuter cables, one of which informed us that it was an Indian Division that had " dashingly captured " a thousand yards of trenches in the Tigris bend on the right bank north-eastward of Kut.

Fight for Abdul Hassas Loop. Delhi, Jan. 15.-The following telegram, dated the 13th January, has been received from "Eye witness" in

Mesopotamia:-Sinn, Jan. 10.-Yesterday was the second day of the light for the Mahoniel Abdul Hassan loop. We have almost carried the position of the enemy who have been driven slowly back on the Tigris and hold a triangle on the river bank on a four hundred yards base. The Turkish resistance was practically broken up by our attack on the 8th and we advanced yesterday, clearing the whole position up to this last occupied piece of ground with very few casualfies.

Owing to the nature of the ground it has been necessarily somewhat "sticky" fighting. The Turkish position consists of two lines of trenches. The first is a connection of the corners of the river loop on a two thousand seven hundred yards front. The second, four hundred yards behind, lies across the tongue of the loop on a front of one thousand five hundred yards, and between these two lines the ground is cut up by a network of nullahs and covered with thick brushwood. We cleared these by bombing parties. We found the nullahs along which the Turks made their counter-attacks on the 8th, covered with their dead and in another section of the trench on the river bank two hundred Turkish dead were found in three hundred yards. The prisoners admit that they suffered heavily from our bombardment on the previous days.

The Turks captured are of fine physique and say that they are fairly well fed but complain of a coffee famine. They have no coffee even for officers. The rank and file wear a rough uniform being coarsely but warmly clad www.oolien clothing like sacking.

One Anatolian stalwart said that his machine gun has been buried by a shell and offered to show us the place if we wished as it was a pity the gun should be wasted. He hoped that we would use it as it was no longer any good to the Turks. They are a wild looking crowd and must be of stout heart to have held on so stubbornly with the swollen river at their back and no bridge. All the night our shrapnel played on the point of the stream where their pontoons would be crossing. Our own casualties were considerably less than the enemy's in spite

of the offensive being on one side. Our cavalry yesterday were operating down the Shatt al Hai and early this morning captured fifteen thousand rounds of small arm ammunition. The going is slow on the banks of the stream on account of numerous affluents which need bridging. More rain has fallen. The weather is unsettled and the ground very slippery. The river has risen thirteen feet two inches since the 1st January.

An aeroplane just come in reports our cavalry at the Hai town.

Gardening Corps for Mesopotamia.

Madras, January 15 -The following Press communique has been issued: -The inadequacy of the present supply of fresh fruit, vegetable and garden produce for the use of the increased Mesopotamian field force has recently seriously affected the health of the troops there, especially the Indian troops, and Lord Pentland asks us to make it known that in order to help to overcome this difficulty he has been in communication with the General Officer Commending in Mesopotamia and arragements have been arrived at. As President of the Madras War Fund, His Excellency has offered to try to raise, equip and despatch to Mesopotamis at the earliest possible moment a number of units for gardening purposes, a unit being estimated as able to cultivate 15 acres. The General Officer Commanding has accepted the offer with gratitude and sake that four units may now be organised and despatched to Mesopotamia. These units, with any further units similarly organised, will form the Madras Gardeners Corps and will be placed under the command of a European Superintendent as commandant who will have the status of a commissioned officer and will have as his assistant a European subordinate of



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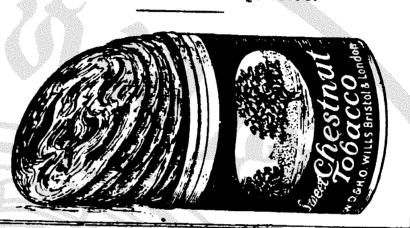
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Great War.

F, M. S. and the War.

("S. O." SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.) Singapore, Feb. 5.

The F. M. S. Government while being strongly of the opinion that the patriotism of employers and employed will provide sufficient men for active service consider that failing this employers and employed must be ready to cons der the compulsion enactment.

A British Denial.

("S. O." SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.) Singapore, Feb. 5.

America and the neutrals generally regard Germany's announcement of ruthless submarining as the gravest issue of the war.

The British Foreign Office denies the German statement that hospital ships are misused for the carrying of munitions and troops.

The Late Earl Cromer.

London, Jan. 30.—The death has occurred of Earl Cromer.

Lord Cromer had been ill for some time and was unable latterly to preside over the Dardanelles Commission. He died of a stroke late yesterday even-

The deceased peer, the first of the creation, was born in 1841 and was a minister plenipotentiary in the diplomatic service. He entered the Royal Artillery in 1858 and rose to major in 1876. He served as A. D. C. and secretary to several distinguished adminstrators and was in Government financial service in India and Egypt. His great work, however, was as Agent and Consul General in Egypt from 1883-1907, during which time guidance, and immensely improved of deserters would be killed. the condition of the peoples. He published several literary, military and serious conflict has occurred between the internal affairs of China whose inpolitical works, and was an ardent Imperialist and Free Trader.]



BRITISH OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN AT THE FRONT IN FRANCE.

The only thing left intact in the Village of Montauban. The large German shell lying at her feet did not explode.

Bulgars' Plight.

London, Jan. 29.—Reuter's special correspondent at Sal onika reports heavy snowfalls in Macedonia. Deserters state that the condition of the Bulgarians is desperate. The roads are impracticable for nearly all transport, Animals have died of starvation, and the men are practically starving, being illclad and bootless, and ready to desert he restored the reputation of the coun- at the first opportunity despite the try, established respect for British threat of their officers that the families

Jassy, Jan. 29.-It is reported that a Bulgarian troops and German officers. | tegrity and independence they were Many executions have been ordered.

Japan to Fight?

London, Jan. 27.-In the Japanese Diet, the Foreign Minister, Baron-Motono, declared that Japan should collaborate with the Allies militarily as well as economically until victory is won. The Anglo-Japanese Alliance the foundation of Japan's foreign policy. had been mutually beneficial, especially since the war began. Russia, the true and grateful friend of Japan, welcomed the proposed Americo Japanese financial co-operation in China. They repudiated the policy of interference with determined to assist in maintaining.

New York Rushing Supplies to Britain.

New York, Dec. 31.—The crisis in London has suddenly lecome so acute that the contents of the New York storage warehouses and food products from all the regions of the country are being rushed to London. Five steamers are here loading 5,000 tubs of butter which have been withdrawn from the New York warehouses.
The British steamers here are loaded

to the gunwales with food supplies. As the result of the rush of supplies abroad, New York is facing the possibility of a famine before the end of the

Russo-Rumanian Stand.

London, Jan. 29.-The latest messages from Rumania indicate that the Russo-Rumanian line Trotus-Sereth was so strong that the enemy was unable to strike another blow, and realising this, decided to withdraw part of his forces, only four or five German divisions remaining. The remainder were replaced by Turks and Aus-

Experts consider that Hindenburg's plan to outflank and roll up the Russo-Rumanian armies has definitely failed, the successes gained being merely defensive operations for securing the road to Constantinople and saving Hungary from invasion.

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